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IRS to Host Six Forums This Summer for Tax Professionals

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WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service will host the tax practitioner community at six Nationwide Tax Forums this summer. The first of the three-day forums begins June 28.

The Nationwide Tax Forums feature a variety of basic and advanced seminars that provide the tax professional community with the latest information on IRS policies and programs.

Among the topics on the 2005 agenda are like-kind exchanges, estate and trust planning, identity theft, retirement plans for small businesses, alternative minimum tax and recent tax law changes. The seminars are conducted by IRS experts and tax industry leaders from the American Bar Association, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the National Association of Enrolled Agents, the National Association of Tax Professionals, the National Society of Accountants and the National Society of Tax Professionals.

Tax professionals are invited to bring unresolved cases or questions to IRS representatives for on-site resolution. In addition, IRS staff will be on hand to help attendees complete the IRS *e-file* application, register for e-Services products and provide information about electronic payments and other electronic business tools.

The forums also benefit practitioners by giving them the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with other practitioners — and sample the latest offerings from tax industry vendors.

The locations and dates for the 2005 tax forums are:

- San Francisco June 28–30
- Houston July 12–14
- Atlanta July 26–28
- New York City Aug. 9–11
- Las Vegas Aug. 23–25
- Chicago Aug. 30–Sept. 1

Enrolled agents can earn up to 21 continuing professional education credits by participating in a forum. Other professionals should consult their prospective licensing organization for information on qualifying credits.

The fees for the 2005 forums are \$119 per person per city for pre-registration and \$259 for late or on-site registration. Pre-registration for a forum ends two weeks prior to the start of the forum. Reduced fees are available for members of IRS partner associations mentioned above. Members should contact their associations directly for details.

For a full program, hotel accommodations and online registration, visit <http://www.taxforuminfo.com/>. Information is also available in the Tax Professionals section on IRS.gov at www.irs.gov/taxpros/.